

15th National Veterans Golden Age Games Daily Champion

Issue 1

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Welcome to the Lone Star State!

Athletes, staff and volunteers from all over the country have gathered in Texas to participate in an exciting week of friendly competition and camaraderie at the 15th National Veterans Golden Age Games. More than 500 veterans have registered to participate in this year's Games, sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and hosted by the VA North Texas Health Care System.

This year's host city, Duncanville, is appropriately known as "The City of Champions." It is part of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, which is home to more than 3 million people. Settled in 1841 as a frontier trading post, Dallas now ranks as the ninth largest city in the United States.

The city is the Southwest's leading business and financial center. It's one of the top convention cities in the country, and the number one destination for visitors to the state of Texas. Last

night's Mesquite Rodeo was only the first of many activities planned to introduce you to the unique culture and history of this area.

The opening ceremony will be held tonight at 7:00 at the Poe-Hobden Amphitheater in Duncanville's Armstrong Park. Buses to the ceremony will begin leaving from Duncanville High School between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. When you arrive at the park, you will line up with the other participants from your state on the west side of the John Hopkins Center to begin the Parade of America's Heroes.

Other highlights of tonight's ceremony will include the singing of the National Anthem by Miss Texas Tara Watson, and a concert by the '50s band Dash Riprock and the Dragons. The evening's finale at 9:15 p.m. will be a fireworks display choreographed to patriotic music—a fitting tribute to the nation's "golden age" veterans.

Greetings from the Duncanville High School Principal

On behalf of the faculty, staff and student body of Duncanville High School, welcome to the 15th National Veterans Golden Age Games in Duncanville, Texas. We are proud to assist in the hosting of such an extraordinary event.

While you are on our campus, we hope that you enjoy the athletic and educational facilities of which we are so proud. Duncanville High School prides itself in the numerous accomplishments of our students in the areas of athletics and academics. Your presence on our campus will assist in instilling within our youth the need

for continued involvement in physical fitness activities during their adult life.

It is a privilege to have you as our guests and wish you a successful and enjoyable week in "The City of Champions," Duncanville, Texas.

Sincerely,

Mike Chrietzberg
Principal



• Today's Schedule •

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:15 p.m.

Breakfast

Registration

Church Services

Lunch

Dinner

Opening Ceremony

Fireworks Display

*Cafeteria #4, DHS**

DHS, Bldg. #10 Gym

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Poe-Hobden Amphitheater

Armstrong Park, Duncanville

**Duncanville High School*

— Message from the VANTHCS Director —

Welcome to the 15th National Veterans Golden Age Games. The staff at VA North Texas Health Care System has been working hard for months to see that you have a good time. We have planned activities that will let you see a little bit of the diverse culture available in the great state of Texas. We think the site we have chosen will make these Games one of the best you have ever attended.

All of you have worked very hard in preparation for the competition. I wish all of you the best of luck and hope you enjoy every minute of the competition and social times. If you need anything, just let one of the staff or volunteers know and we will do our best to see that your needs are met.

Let the Games begin!

Alan G. Harper

Director

VA North Texas Health Care System

Alternate Activities Changes

Please note that there have been changes in the alternate activities. If you signed up for alternate activities in your original registration packet, those choices are no longer valid. ***You must re-register for the alternate activities at registration.***

The trip to the Arts District

has been cancelled, and a trip to the Parks Mall has been scheduled in its place. The trip to Parks Mall will leave tomorrow at 11:45 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. All trips will be limited to 50 participants, and you may not register for an alternate activity that conflicts with your scheduled athletic event.

On the Menu...



Breakfast (8:00-10:00 a.m.):

Frittata, Breakfast Casseroles, Omelets; Cereal, Oatmeal; Pancakes, French Toast; Breakfast Breads; Assorted Fruits; Beverages

Lunch (11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) &

Dinner (4:00-6:30 p.m.):

Assorted Salads; Springtime Vegetable Soup; Reuben, Patty Melt, Grilled Chicken Club Sandwich, Panther Burger; Country Style Pork Chop, Battered Southern Fried Chicken, Spanish Seafood Paella; Cantonese Stir Fry Station; Sicilian Pasta Station; Assorted Vegetables; Breads and Rolls; Desserts; Beverages

Getting Around

Buses will run every 15 minutes from the hotels to Duncanville High School each day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and at least 7:00 p.m.